

rental for land in Borneo from the British North Borneo

Company. Now an old man, small in stature, and of an unimpressive personality, he has shown no particular talent for leadership. Two factions have invariably contested for supremacy in Sulu. Toward Americans he is well disposed, and he has made friends with the Filipinos.

The Sultan's domestic life has been gladdened by many wives, but saddened because they have presented him with no heir. Current rumor has it that the Sultan once asked the hand in marriage of "Princess" Alice Roosevelt Longworth.

Once he visited the United States and had a gay time on New York's Broadway.

For many years, the Sultan's grand vizier was Hadji Butu, a descendant of Mantiri Asip, the great minister of Raja Baginda, the first Malay Prince who ruled Sulu. Hadji Butu has long been the spiritual mentor of the Moros. Also he has held many appointive positions, the last one being Senator for the twelfth district. It was invariably a pleasure for me, as it was for other Americans and Filipinos, to meet Hadji Butu. His English or Spanish may have been sorely deficient, but he was jolly and entertaining and readily gave evidence of the wisdom he possessed. Hadji Butu is rightly regarded as the best educated and ablest of his people, a Moro patriarch of whom the Philippines can well be proud*

THE SULTAN OF MAGUJNDANAW AND
THE
MINDANAO MOROS ⁴

Long before the Spaniards came to the Philippines, Sharif Mohammed Kabungsuwan, an Arabian priest, had converted

the Maguindanaws to Mohammedanism and had become their ruler. The Maguindanaws were the largest tribe of Moros in Mindanao, living in the Northern Cotabato region.

⁴ See Dr. Najeeb M. Saleeby, *Studies in Moro History, Law, and Religion* (1905).